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1. Late in April 1951 the North Korean government sent a message to the Soviet government urgently requesting the supplies necessary for re-equipping North Korean troops for a renewed counter-offensive against UN forces.
2. In the middle of May the Soviet Military Committee replied that materiel was being and would be sent to the Chinese Communists, who were to supply troop reinforcements and materiel for the North Koreans. At the same time the North Korean government, under strong Soviet pressure, agreed that the appointment of top-level North Korean commanders and the disposition and rotation of North Korean forces would be made only with the concurrence of the Chinese Communists.

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